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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 12 and 14-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 12 and 14-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment and written response filed 10/11/2007 has been entered and considered.
2. Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 10, 12, 14-17 and 20-21 have been amended.
4. Claims 10, 12 and 14-23 are pending.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 10/11/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 10-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Suri (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,055 B1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 10, 12 and 14-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suri (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,055 B1). The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a

showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

- a. As per claim 10, Suri discloses a system for visualizing perfusion behavior of an organ (column 5, lines 8-9), the system comprising: a processor programmed to (column 5, line 18): for each image in a series of images acquired in temporal succession (column 5, lines 10-11), determine a transform (column 6, lines 27-28) that minimizes positional differences between a reference region in the immediate vicinity of the organ in each image and the same reference region in an immediately preceding image of the series of image, operate on each image with the corresponding determined transform such that the reference region in each image is transformed to a common position (column 6, lines 26-41), analyze the series of images with the reference region in the common position to determine the perfusion behavior of the organ (column 5, lines 29-36); and a display on which at least one of the a visualization of the perfusion behavior and the series of images is displayed (see figure 1 for display).
- b. As per claim 12, see explanation of claim 10, with regard to "wherein the reference image is an immediately preceding image", see column 6, lines 35-36.
- c. As per claim 14, Suri discloses wherein the determined transform that minimizes the differences between the reference regions of each image and the reference image operates on the entire each image (column 6, lines 26-37).
- d. As per claim 15, see figure 1.

- e. As per claim 16, Suri discloses wherein the transform is limited to translation and rotation (column 6, line 34, alignment algorithm 54).
- f. As per claim 17, see column 1, line 15 and 49.
- g. As per claim 18, see column 2, lines 1-5.
- h. As per claim 19, see figure 1 and column 3, lines 3, lines 28-33.
- i. As per claim 20, see column 3, line 29.
- j. As per claim 21, see explanation of claim 1.
- k. As per claim 22, see column 3, line 29.
- l. As per claim 23, see explanation of claim 1.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ryal et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,803,914, see whole document.

8. **Examiner note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teaching for the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may be applied as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potential teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the a passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Y. Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7393. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571)-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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